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Serial No.: 09/574,909) Group Art Unit: 3625
Filing Date: May 19, 2000)
Title: Facilitating Commerce Among Consumers) Examiner:
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Ready-to-Act Consumers and Pre-Qualified)
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Atty Docket: 59078-249913)

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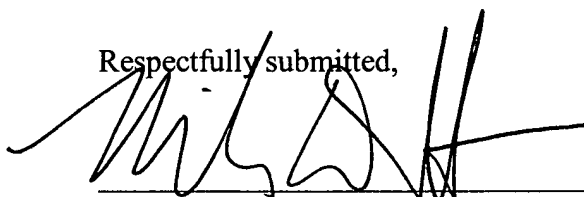
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